

A NEW ERA OF FIRE PROTECTION DAWNS at the spacious UFA fire station on Redwood Road

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New Unified Fire Authority Chief Dan Petersen—and other department brass—unveiled their newest fire station last month, to a crowd of about 200 dignitaries and other members of the community.

“I’ve had a lot of fun days since joining the department (Jan. 17),” Petersen said. “And this is one of the better ones.”

The new Taylorsville-Plymouth Fire Station #117 is UFA’s fifth new station in about seven years.

“This will be our last new one for a while,” said Battalion Chief Jay Ziolkowski. “We’ve run out of bond money. But the upgrades we’ve made are very significant.”

The new station is just a few blocks south of the old one, on the east side of Redwood Road, at 4965 South.

“This new station is seven times larger than the old one,” Ziolkowski added. “It features ten individual sleeping quarters and has the largest apparatus bay (garage area) of any of our facilities.”

The previous UFA Fire Station #117 was just 3,120 square feet, compared to the new one at 22,616 square feet. It has room to park 10 large emergency response vehicles.

“The new station also has a large community conference room,” Ziolkowski added. “So now, we will be able to help serve Taylorsville citizens by providing a meeting

space on occasion.”

The new fire station cost just over \$6 million to construct. The cost of the property was \$650,000. Station #117 took less than 16 months to construct.

Taylorsville Mayor Larry Johnson and Council Vice Chairman Dan Armstrong offered words of congratulation during the March 7 grand opening ceremony.

Some fifth-grade students from nearby Plymouth Elementary School also played a key role.

“One of our firehouse traditions is to give our equipment a thorough washing before they are parked in a new station,” Ziolkowski said. “So, we asked the students to give us a hand with that.”

The “ribbon cutting” itself was unique, as UFA officials uncoupled a fire hose across one of the garage doorways instead.

Draper City has voted to opt out of UFA fire protection service this summer, to create its own city department. But even with that loss, UFA will still have a jurisdiction of some 400,000 residents, from Magna to Millcreek.

Petersen came to the department from southern Oregon. He began his fire safety career nearly 40 years ago as a volunteer firefighter.

“I wasn’t looking for work when I was approached about this position,” Petersen said. “But after looking into it, I was impressed



Instead of cutting a ribbon, officials opened the new station by uncoupling a fire hose. (Carl Fauver/City Journals)

with the quality of people and the community mindedness of the organization. My wife and I decided moving the Utah was our new adventure, and so far, we couldn’t be happier.”

Petersen is now in charge of about 550 full-time career professionals and 150 part-time employees. UFA operates 28 fire stations serving 14 communities.

The new fire station replaces one built in 1976, and this one is expected to serve Taylorsville even longer.

“This is designed to be a 75-year station,” Ziolkowski said. “It holds much more equipment than our previous station, including a lot of specialized apparatus. Because it is centrally located within our district, this new station will be kind of a flagship location for housing equipment that will be used throughout the Unified Fire Authority.”

Ziolkowski received praise on behalf of his department at a recent Taylorsville City Council meeting, as he offered elected officials

a quarterly UFA report. In it, he pointed out fire emergency response times in the city have improved in recent years.

“Four years ago, I know that was a problem,” Council Chairman Brad Christopherson told the battalion chief. “I’m happy to see that improvement and now, with this new station, I think it’s fantastic.”

Once they were done washing down the fire trucks, the visiting fifth-graders (and others) received guided tours of the new station. One of their highlights came when a firefighter demonstrated a slide down the station’s brass fire pole.

“These aren’t very common in new stations,” one firefighter commented. “But we’re glad to have it here.”

It will likely get plenty of use. Even during the relatively short open house ceremony an emergency call came in, forcing those who were on duty during the event to spring into action. ✦



Taylorsville fifth-graders help wash down fire trucks before they enter the new station. (Carl Fauver/City Journals)



About 200 people attended the Taylorsville-Plymouth Fire Station #117 grand opening. (Carl Fauver/City Journals)

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Artist spotlight: Taylorsville's 'Knotty Lady' copes with Parkinson's

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Dawn Steinike stands by one of the first tatted pieces she created.

Many things changed from Taylorsville artist Dawn Steinike when she was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, but her favorite hobby didn't.

The 62-year-old "knotty lady," as she jokingly calls herself, continues the Victorian craft of knotting lace, called tating. Steinike wraps thread around a tool called a shuttle and guides the thread into patterns, creating decorative signs, jewelry, slip on shoes, pins, lanyards, ornaments and other decorations.

"When I tat, I don't even remember I have Parkinson's," she said. "It's just gone."

Parkinson's, a chronic and progressive movement disorder, can affect people differently, but Steinike said it causes her hands to tremble, makes her sleepy, provokes forgetfulness and contributes to her depression. Despite these symptoms, Steinike has continued to excel in her chosen art medium of more than 30 years.

The Parkinson's Disease Foundation, a division of the Parkinson's Foundation, honored Steinike by placing a photo of her piece "Tatted Target" in its 2017 Creativity and Parkinson's calendar. Steinike was one of 13 artists across the nation to receive this recognition.

"It was such an amazing feeling of disbelief when I found out I had been selected," Steinike said. "I couldn't believe that I was chosen out of all of the people who submitted their work. It's a huge thing for me."

Steinike, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2012, chose to enter "Tatted Target" into the competition because it was one of the creations she finished most recently. The red and white, circular target, complete with beading, is a symbol to Steinike.

"I hang it at my desk at work," she said. "It consistently reminds me that I need to stay on target."

Parkinson's has made Steinike's full-time job as an accounting tech at the Department of Workforce Services a little more challenging, she said. Sometimes she said she falls asleep at her desk or "stares into nothing," but she said her co-workers help snap back into the moment.

Her job may be harder for her now than it was 10 years ago when she started, but she said the support system she has from her coworkers makes the trial worth it. She tries to give back to her work community when she can, she said.

When her department, which takes care of unemployment insurance for the state, won the "Triple Crown" award for the having the best operational functions in the nation in 2016, she tatted 3-D crowns for

her superiors, complete with intricate knots and beading.

She also tatted a frog family for a friend in her office, creating flat, lace frog figurines for each member of her colleague's family.

These are the types of art projects that Steinike said she likes the most—the kind she can create for others, but she keeps a few designs for herself, too.

Steinike said she struggled to keep plants alive even though she said she wanted one for her desk at work. She used a Japanese tatting pattern to create a 3-D lace flower arrangement for her desk. She picked the types of flowers for the arrangement strategically, placing a yellow tulip, the flower that represents Parkinson's disease, and a sunflower, a common flower found in her husband's hometown, prominently in the piece.

In addition to tating, Steinike said her husband, Bob Steinike, is one of the major reasons she's able to find happiness as an artist throughout her journey with Parkinson's. Earlier in life, Steinike's husband was in a major electrical accident, and she took care of him.

"Now the roles have switched, and he is there to tell me when to slow down a bit," she said. "I've got everything I need to be happy."

Parkinson's reduces dopamine levels, and dopamine is a chemical that's tied to emotions. Steinike said she went through a bout of depression with Parkinson's but consulted with professionals to learn how to manage it through medication and focusing on the things that she loves.

"I've realized that this disease is not going to kill me," she said. "I'm going to live a long life, even if that means I am going to shake my way through it. I've decided that I'm going to hold on to the things that are dear to me and embrace the adventure." ✦



A 3-D tatted flower arrangement created by Taylorsville resident Dawn Steinike.



Tatted lace snowflakes decorate Dawn Steinike's home.

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Charity, police benefit from UDOT's home acquisitions

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Local police and charity organizations are doing what they can to salvage one last use from the vacant houses along Bangerter Highway that will be demolished to make way for freeway-style interchanges.

The Utah Department of Transportation claimed 96 homes and two businesses through eminent domain to create the interchanges at Bangerter's 5400 South, 7000 South, 9000 South and 11400 South intersections.

UDOT considers property acquisitions as a last resort, but they were necessary in this situation for less restricted travel on the west side of the county, according to UDOT spokesman John Gleason.

To make the most of the home acquisitions, UDOT formed partnerships with local police departments, allowing the officers to use the houses from training purposes, and Salt Lake Valley Habitat for Humanity, allowing the charity to glean household artifacts.

"There is a lot of service that these types of properties can provide even though they will eventually be demolished," Gleason said. "Our goal would be to make those available for the people who can really benefit from them."

Gathering doors, light fixtures, cabinets and other items from vacant homes became a full-time job for Layne Burrows, with Habitat for Humanity, when UDOT started its Bangerter acquisition process. Burrows' job title even changed from

"assistant store manager" to "harvesting manager" to more appropriately define his daily responsibility of salvaging home parts for redistribution.

"We used to only look at houses on Tuesday and Wednesday," Burrows said about collecting items from nearly 100 homes along Bangerter Highway. "We'd work on maybe five to 10 homes at a time, but this is on a new scale."

Every day, Burrows and his occasional team of volunteers collect anything on the exterior or interior of a house that they can sell at Habitat's "Restore," where used appliances, architectural items, cabinets, countertops, lights, fans, flooring, windows, plumbing materials and other used items are sold at a discount. The Restore is a major source of revenue for Habitat, which allows group members to build and repair homes for low-income families in Salt Lake County.

"This saves the landfill, it gives people opportunities to purchase home finishes they couldn't otherwise afford and improves the life of those who were able to make houses for," Burrows said. "It is literally recycling to the best ability. We are so grateful for our partnership with UDOT."

Public safety entities also partner with UDOT to use the vacant homes for training opportunities. Unified Police Department Sgt. Brady Cottam said his department uses the homes and businesses to practice team movements, rapid response training

and incident response.

"We'll practice the way we do a search warrant or how we would handle a call at that location if there was a domestic dispute gone bad," Cottam said. "We can practice these things in a real-life setting—in a place where it's actually OK to break down the doors and windows."

UDOT and UPD's partnership for using acquired homes has been in place for 15 to 20 years, but Cottam said the Bangerter homes, some less than seven years old, have given the officers new experiences.

"Usually the house that we train in are old meth houses, but these are some of the nicest homes we've ever trained in," he said. "It's good to be able to train in some new construction to see what our teams would do if they needed to get inside these houses."

The Bangerter project has also given the Unified Police Department more opportunities to train on-site than in the past. Usually, UPD trains in one of UDOT's acquisitions once per year, Cottam said. The Bangerter project has allowed those training sessions to be more frequent.

"Using vacant houses has turned out to be one of the best things for us in our training," Cottam said. "We've gone to training sites that have charged us, but this is a place to practice in our own community for free. It's an invaluable experience for us." +

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Youth dancers compete to benefit hungry children

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Teen dancers perform their trio routine at the Will Dance for Food Competition at Taylorsville High School on March 3. (Tori La Rue/City Journals)



Alexus Lewis, 12, performs a hip-hop solo dance routine at the Will Dance For Food Competition at Taylorsville High School on March 3. (Tori La Rue/City Journals)

The Will Dance For Food Competition at Taylorsville High School on March 3 united 1,256 dance contenders ages 4 through 18 in a common goal: raising money for the Utah Food Bank.

"It's a whole different feel from most competitions because the dancers and the kids and the parents all really understand why they are here; we are all here to help feed hungry kids," said Penny Broussard, founder and director of the Will Dance For Kids project. "It's not such a competitive atmosphere. It's more of an atmosphere of everyone working together for a bigger cause."

Between ticket admission sales, community and business donations, competition fees paid by studios and individual dancers and auction proceeds, the Will Dance For Food Competition raised \$60,000 for the Utah Food Bank's

Kids Cafe and Backpack programs.

The Kids Cafe program provides 1,900 meals to low-income students at after-school sites on weekdays. The Backpack program provides backpacks full of food to students who might not otherwise have meals over the weekend.

"Once I heard this competition would go to help kids who were less advantaged than me, I thought this would be really amazing to participate," said 12-year-old hip-hop dancer Alexis Lewis from South Jordan. "I love these competitions, but I feel like if I could help someone, that would be really, really awesome."

Alexis' solo hip-hop routine was one of the 600 routines adjudicated during the Will Dance for Food Competition. Although Alexis said she wanted to win the competition, she said she also realized that just participating meant giving back to the community.

Before Olivia Yates, a 12-year-old from Salt Lake City's The Dance Project, entered the auditorium stage to perform her Broadway-style duo-dance called "Set Myself Free," she stretched while reflecting on what the competition meant for her.

"I like being on stage, but even more it's cool to be doing my favorite thing while helping someone out," she said.

The 2017 competition was Olivia's sixth time participating in the Will Dance for Food Competition, which means she was one of the original participants.

In the six years that the Will Dance for Kids Program and its Will Dance for Food Competition have been around,

the Utah dance community has raised more than \$250,000 for the Utah Food Bank. Because the Utah Food Bank can stretch its dollars, providing \$7.81 cents of goods and services for every dollar of donations, Will Dance for Kids' donations have generated nearly \$2 million of goods and services to local, hungry children.

Broussard, a Dance America Dance Hall of Famer and former owner of a Salt Lake City dance studio, said she chose the Utah Food Bank as the recipient charity of her Will Dance For Kids Project because of its efficiency with money.

"I interviewed several different charities to decide, and the Utah Food Bank was the best," Broussard said. "At the Utah Food Bank, 90 cents of every dollar goes to food, so the admin costs are miniscule. To me, there wasn't another charity that even came close to helping kids, like the food bank did."

Broussard, who created Will Dance For Kids as a retirement project, said she's continually amazed by the community support she sees for the project each year. It takes the coordination of dance teachers, Taylorsville High School representatives, parents, dancers and business sponsors to put the event together.

"It really takes an army to do this, and we have great soldiers in every way," Broussard said. "Truly everyone just joins together in such a beautiful way to make this happen, and it's a great feeling. I really get to see, at this point in my life with this project, the best part of everybody." ✦



A solo dancer performs at the Will Dance for Food Competition at Taylorsville High School on March 3. (Tori La Rue/City Journals)

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Taylorsville voters will have dozens of options for casting their ballots this year

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For the first time ever this fall, Taylorsville city residents will have the opportunity to cast ballots—for their mayor and two city council positions—anywhere across Salt Lake County, on Election Day.

But perhaps more importantly, they will also be allowed to do so from the comfort of their own home for several days before Election Day.

“Vote-by-mail has quickly grown in popularity throughout the county,” said Salt Lake County Clerk Sherrie Swensen. “The first time we did it—for municipal elections—was in 2013, when only two cities participated. Then last time around, in 2015, only two cities (Taylorsville and West Valley) chose not to do it. So, we’re pleased to hear Taylorsville is going that route this year, because it really gives voters a lot more options.”

Taylorsville City Council members discussed voting options in two consecutive meetings. Initially, some concerns were raised over how effective the county’s system is for checking ballot signatures. But Swensen said she is confident in their system.

“We have three levels of signature checking, starting with a team of about 50 people who compare ballot signatures with each voters’ signature we have in our computer database,” she said. “None of the comparisons are done by computer programs. We put human eyes on all of the signed ballot affidavits. Last fall that totaled about 353,000 signed ballots.”

County officials say none of the signature checkers know who has been voted for, because the ballots remain sealed. Those that are “red flagged” by a first-level screener are then reviewed by supervisors.

If there is still a question, Swensen says sometimes her office should send letters to voters to further verify their signatures.

Salt Lake County’s vote-by-mail process has become so efficient that the bid the clerk’s office provided to Taylorsville City to conduct this year’s municipal election in that manner is more than \$16,000 lower than if the city opted instead for on-site voting.

The cost choice presented to city council members was \$107,950 for vote-by-mail versus \$124,080 to hold traditional polling site elections.

Besides a higher cost, Taylorsville voters would have also had far fewer voting locations to choose from.



Taylorsville voters who passed on mailing in ballots last fall were greeted by long lines. A much smaller turnout is expected for municipal elections this year. (Taylorsville City)

“If Taylorsville had passed on vote-by-mail, citizens would have only three or four locations, within city limits, to cast their ballots on Election Day,” Swensen added. “By choosing the vote-by-mail option, citizens who instead want to cast their ballots at a vote center can go to any of the more than forty we will operate on Election Day.”

That means Taylorsville residents who go to work outside the city can simply go to a vote center near their office sometime during the day to cast their ballots.

“At each of those locations, our staff will have computer access to all of the Salt Lake County municipal ballots,” Swensen said. “So, that provides a lot of options for those who wait until Election Day to cast their ballots.”

However, the majority of voters are expected to mail their ballots in and never go near a vote center.

In the presidential election last fall, only about 74,000 on-site ballots were cast on Election Day, compared to 353,000 that were mailed. Still, that small percentage of vote center ballots still created some tremendous

lines in several locations, including the Taylorsville City office.

“Our countywide voter turnout for the presidential race was 84 percent, by far the biggest ever,” Swensen said. “We don’t expect nearly that many people for the city races this year.”

The Taylorsville mayor and District 4 and 5 council seats will be on the ballot. Incumbent Mayor Larry Johnson and District 5 Councilman Dan Armstrong say they will seek re-election. But District 4 Councilwoman Dama Barbour says she will not be on the ballot again.

The official election filing period is June 1 to 7. If primary elections are necessary in any of the races, they will be held Aug. 15.

The city council voted unanimously for the vote-by-mail option.

Depending on how many candidates emerge, city officials may lobby the county clerk’s office to add more vote centers within Taylorsville City limits.

As of now, county officials plan to operate three Election Day sites in the city. ✦

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Talorsville citizen committee focused on reducing a leading cancer cause

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The Utah Department of Environmental Quality reports:

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These alarming statistics recently prompted the Talorsville City Public Safety Committee to go into the retail business—at a loss.

"We sold 128 radon gas detector kits to area residents for \$4.50 apiece, about half what they cost us," said committee Chairman Tony Henderson.

And at a recent city council meeting he told elected officials he wants to keep doing it.

"Last year, the council provided our committee \$1,000 to buy the radon detectors, at a cost of about \$9 each," Henderson added. "Even selling them at a discount, we've raised about \$570, which we would like to spend on more kits."

Henderson has been a member of the city's Public Safety Committee since just after Talorsville was incorporated more than 20 years ago. The committee has addressed numerous issues, to help make city residents safer.

The Hill Air Force Base software developer said selling radon test kits is just the most recent step in that effort.

"Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas, produced through the earth's natural decay," Henderson said. "You can't taste or smell it, but it kills people. A big part of (the committee's) job is to educate the public about potential dangers. So, we've worked to do that as much as anything, while selling the kits."

To that end, Public Safety Committee members have placed posters—describing the hazards of radon gas—at senior centers, recreation centers and other public places throughout Talorsville.

Committee members have also discussed radon dangers at several community meetings.

Longtime committee member Peggy Sadler said it's been a worthwhile effort.

"One of our committee's most important goals is to provide information to citizens to assist them in promoting safety," she said. "This (selling the detection kits) falls into that category, and I was surprised how quickly we sold out."

The 128 kits sold within about six weeks, earlier this year.

Sadler has been a member of the Public Safety Committee since 2003, but said this month's meeting will be her last.

"My husband is retiring, and we have kids and grandkids to keep us busy," she said. "I think it's been a very worthwhile activity, and I enjoy giving back to the community. But I think it's time to let other people become more involved."

Henderson hopes that happens soon.

"To be honest, our (committee membership) numbers are down a little right now," he said. "We could certainly use more volunteers. It's a great way to serve the community and to, hopefully, make Talorsville a better place."

The Public Safety Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:15 p.m., at the city offices (2600 West 5400 South).

Now that spring has arrived, committee members are looking ahead to the annual Talorsville Dayzz celebration (June 22–24) where they will operate an information booth.

Later in the summer, the committee will host its annual Talorsville Night Out Against Crime, Aug. 1.

"Nationwide, that's always held on the first Tuesday of August," Henderson said. "We always have a lot of community members come out to learn more about our police and fire services. In years past we've often had a police K9 demonstration, and people really enjoy watching the dog's work."

Previous Public Safety Committee activities have included:
Assisting in the organization of neighborhood crime watch programs

Checking sidewalks for unevenness, so they can be brought into ADA compliance

Surveying street lights to determine which ones aren't working and additional locations where they are needed

Organizing school and community safety lectures

Providing gang awareness information

Publishing drug pamphlets showing what illegal narcotics are and how they appear on the street

Henderson said anyone interested in joining or assisting the Talorsville Public Safety Committee can learn more about it on the city's website or simply visit the next meeting, April 6 or May 4. ✦



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RECYCLE

Dr. Seuss inspires literacy activities at Taylorsville elementary

By Jet Burnham | j.burnham@mycityjournals.com

Dr. Seuss's birthday is celebrated every March as one of Read Across America's activities to encourage the love of reading. Taylorsville Elementary joined in the celebration on March 1, with a whole day and night of "seussical" activities.

Taylorsville's PTA invited leaders from the community to read Dr. Seuss books to students throughout the day. Leaders such as Taylorsville Mayor Larry Johnson, district early childhood specialist Kim Babka, local firefighters and police officers, a former school secretary, former principal Michele Love-Day, current principal Janice Flanagan and radio DJ Jessica Ferguson volunteered to participate.

"The kids were so into it," said Ferguson. "We had fun talking about the stories and where they were headed." It was Ferguson's second year reading to the kids. She is a fan of Dr. Seuss books.

"They are funny, colorful, and they get me tongue-tied if I read too fast," she said.

Later that evening, families were invited in on the fun with a Dr. Seuss-themed literacy night.

The evening kicked off with the school choir performing a song from "Seussical the Musical," a Broadway play based on the works of Dr. Seuss. They also debuted a school song written by their director, Danny Hilder.

Activities stationed throughout the school were based on Dr. Seuss books.

Kodi Klaus, a fourth-grader, said her favorite activity of the night was based on her favorite Dr. Seuss book, "There's a Wocket in my Pocket." She created her own addition to the book by making up silly rhymes and illustrating them.

In another classroom, kids were encouraged to think about



Assistant choir director Michelle Kelly leads the school choir in a song from "Seussical the Musical." (Jet Burnham/City Journals)

their goals and dreams and write it on a balloon-shaped paper, like the one on the cover of "Oh, the Places You'll Go."

Other activities allowed kids to make crafts. Puffballs and pipe cleaners were provided for kids to make their own "truffula tree" pencil-topper while Miss Utah International Maddie Jonely read "The Lorax."

Organizers were not afraid of mess when they let kids play in bowls of green slime while listening to "Bartholomew and the Oobleck," a book about sticky green globs that create a big mess.

Activities were facilitated by PTA members, parents, teachers and volunteers from United Way. They expected about 200 people, but nearly 400 attended, said Bernice Allen, an instructional coach at the school.

"This was the biggest turn-out we have had at our Literacy

Night, ever," said third-grade teacher and parent Leslie Porter.

Some fans even dressed up for the event. Fourth-grader MacKenzy Goode wore a "Cat in the Hat" costume as did her sister, cousins and grandma who came with her.

"The first book that I read by myself was "Green Eggs & Ham," said MacKenzy. It is still her favorite book by the author, whom she is very impressed by.

"Dr. Seuss was a really famous writer, and for him to get there, he had to use his imagination," MacKenzy said. She said she is impressed that the author did not stop trying until he finally found a publisher who liked his work.

According to the National Education Association, who promotes Read Across America literacy activities:

"Motivating children to read is an important factor in student achievement and creating lifelong successful readers. Research has shown that children who are motivated and spend more time reading do better in school."

To further support students to make reading a priority, the PTA gave each child in attendance one scholastic dollar to be used toward a purchase at the book fair, held during the last hour of the night. It was a popular spot for families.

"The book fair met their monetary goals and provided families with books for their home libraries," said Allen.

The evening culminated with a pizza dinner.

Taylorsville encourages reading year-round by participating in the Ken Garff Road To Success reading program. Students are encouraged to read 20 minutes a night, and they earn rewards when reading goals are reached, said Allen, who coordinates the Road to Success program. ✦



First-graders Ember Goode and Keenan Klaus participate in literacy activities. (Jet Burnham/City Journals)



MacKenzy Goode and Kodi Klaus make their own silly rhymes fit for a Dr. Seuss book. (Jet Burnham/City Journals)



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Spring is officially here! There are many reasons and ways to celebrate the warmer days ahead. Flowers are blooming. Birds are chirping. Springing forward for daylight saving time gives an extra hour of light to spend time outdoors. I hope that we can all get out and enjoy the great upgrades that have taken place in our parks. Cabana Park is under construction, and Vista Park has a new playground with additional upgrades in progress. Last year, Bennion Park received a new pavilion along with playground equipment and a barbecue. Millrace Park is home to the 1st outdoor Pickleball Court in the city along with two barbecues. Labrum Park has a playground, pavilion, barbecue, and walking trail.

Have a great spring. Thank you for your support.



Mayor
Larry Johnson

—Mayor Johnson

VIEW MORE
PARK PHOTOS
AND A LAYOUT
FOR THE NEW
CABANA PARK
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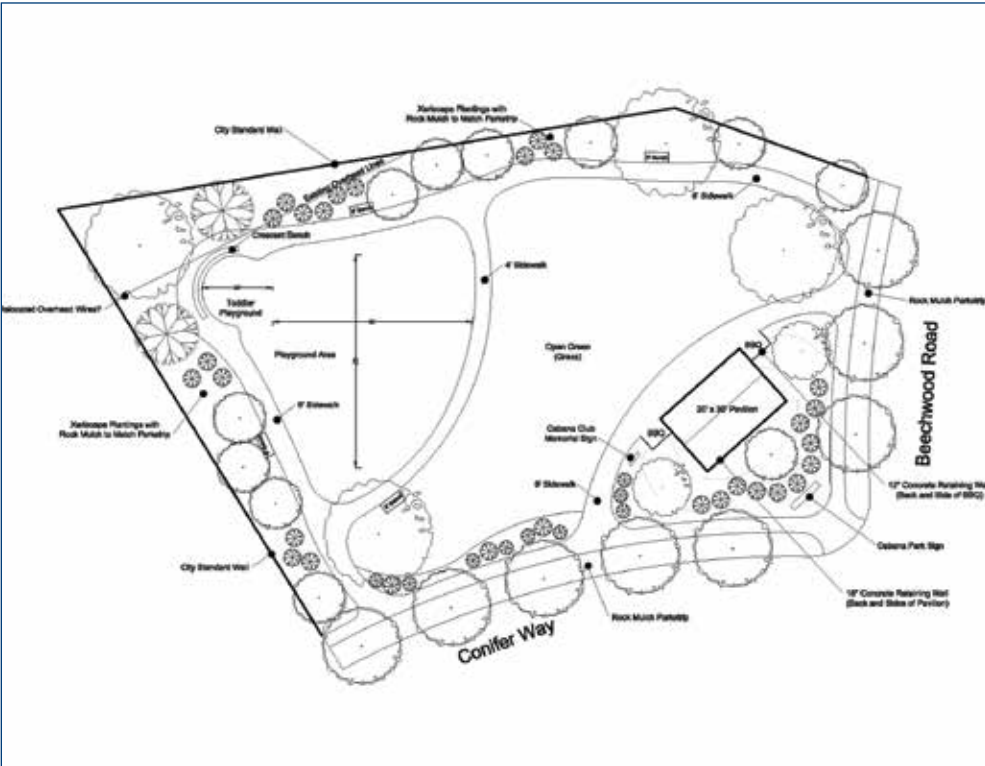
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COUNCIL CORNER

On March 8, 2017 the City Council held a meeting where we discussed many items as we prepare for the upcoming City Budget for the next fiscal year.

We had reports on Code Enforcement challenges and we are working on improving the process and the results achieved. We also heard reports on Parks and Recreation and we are making fast progress on improvements to Vista Park and to our newest park the Cabana Club Park. We are reviewed our levels or service and identified areas for improvement in our street sweeping and the levels of park maintenance we are currently receiving.

In April we will be hearing from our Police Chief and Fire Battalion Chief as well as our Planning Department, Economic Development Director, and City Attorney. These discussions will continue to provide the City Council with a State of the City as we look toward prioritizing city-wide needs and areas of concern. We look forward to hearing your concerns as well. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with your City Council Member.



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YOUTH COUNCIL CORNER

By Megan Squire

It's been a busy time for Youth Council! With our recent trip to USU for a leadership conference and all our upcoming activities, we've sure been pretty busy. Our trip to USU was exciting. The theme was unstoppable. Various different speakers showed us youth how we can change our community and make it better. We learned to be faster, stronger, harder and better. We learned that we are unstoppable once we set our minds to something. Youth Council learned a lot those three days. Some of our upcoming events include the Easter egg hunt and the pinwheels for child abuse awareness. We couldn't be more excited for all these chances we get to serve our community and become better people!



Thinking about Spring?

Landfill Vouchers are now available!



Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District is offering all Taylorsville Residents (2) Fee Waiver Vouchers annually for Loads taken to the Salt Lake Valley Landfill. The Vouchers can be picked up at Taylorsville City Hall, 2nd floor reception area.

The Salt Lake Valley Landfill is located at 6030 W California Avenue (1400 South)

Open for residential waste disposal Monday - Saturday 7am - 5pm

Vouchers valid thru end of 2017





UFA Safety Message

by Jay Ziolkowski



Each year, UFA responds to approximately 35,000 fire and medical calls. Here are some important ways in which everyone can assist in the event of an emergency:

Only Call 911 to Report

- A fire
- A serious crime
- Any serious medical condition
- Any situation requiring immediate response of police, fire or emergency medical personnel.

What the 911 Operator Will Need to Know

- Address of the emergency
- The phone number you are calling from
- Nature of the emergency

Remember to stay calm and speak clearly. Be prepared to answer questions, receive instructions and stay on the phone until you are told to hang up.

Emergency Vehicles and You

When an emergency vehicle has its red and white lights on and the siren activated, the personnel are responding to an emergency.

Please remember that the law requires everyone to:

- Pull to the right side of the road and STOP until the emergency vehicle has passed
- Give all emergency vehicles the right-of-way
- Keep back at least 500 feet from an emergency vehicle

If approaching or at the emergency scene:

- Do not drive over fire hoses
- Drive slowly and carefully
- Have someone wait at the street to direct the fire and police departments
- If you are a witness to the emergency, stay at the scene to provide personnel with information
- If you are asked to move or leave the area, please do so immediately - as things can become very hectic, and the public's safety is paramount

Some Other Tips

- Make sure your address is visible from the street
- Keep areas around fire hydrants clear of parked cars, fences, bushes, tall weeds and debris
- Keep bushes, trees, grass and weeds cut or trimmed to avoid the chance of brush fires
- If you have security bars on your windows, make sure they are fitted with inside quick releases

Taylorsville Dayzz 5k and Kids Race Saturday, June 24, 2017 at 7AM



We Volunteers, if interested contact Kirstin Johnson at 801.706.3172

Register on-line by June 14, 2017 to get your race T-shirt, \$15 for 5k Run and \$10 for Kids Run

Register at www.taylorsvilledayzz5k.com

Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Remembrances Early Days in Taylorsville by Helen Carter Dotterer

In 1918, my parents, James Carter and Jane Bromley, bought a lovely two-story red brick home and 26 acres of land located at 1533 West 4800 South in Taylorsville, Utah. My father was in the sheep business. With 26 acres of irrigated farm land, this provided a place to grow feed, mainly alfalfa and grain, and raise a family.



I remember how the hay was mowed, then raked with horse-drawn machinery, and piled to weather. After curing just right, so as not to mold, it was hauled on a horse-drawn wagon to be unladen into the big barn with a derrick, drawn by a horse. Grain harvesting time was an interesting experience with most of the work performed by seasonal custom workers who were hired. The horse drawn binder would cut and bind the grain into twine-tied bundles. We children would go into the field and stand the shocks with the heads up to dry. When cured, the threshers would come with the big threshing machine that separated the grain from the straw. Wheat served as feed for the animals as well as being traded for flour at the mill for our home use.



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We had several across of apple trees and after fall harvest, a ready market for apples was on a Sunday afternoon in front of our house at the side of the road. Cousins enjoyed in this family project of spring, transporting to the front and selling the apples. A heaped bush would sell from \$.15 to \$.25, \$.50 and \$.75 for the large choice beauties.

The Plymouth School was located on 4800 South and Redwood Road and housed elementary and Jr. High grades. George Albert Weggeland was principal for many years. Granite High School was where we were bussed.

As the years passed, the neighborhood changed and our farm became a large subdivision. As each of us children grew up, property became available on which each of us could build a home and we could remain a close family. My big brother James built a home for Mom and him. I married Frank Dotterer, lived in California for a short while, then returned to Taylorsville and built a tri-plex on 4800 South, where my four children, Jane, Duane, Marcia, and Bonnie grew up. My sister Edith Johnson and husband, built a home on 4800 South where Craig and Carole were raised. My sister Norma's husband was a government employee whose work necessitated them to move from place to place.

In my lifetime, changes have taken place from wide-open fields to sub-divisions, apartment buildings and shopping centers. What a pleasant, happy busy life we had on our farm, where each one shared in responsibility and keeping the family united. Needless to say, it was a very sad time for my family and me when my Dad unexpectedly passed away with pneumonia, but because of the giant, which my Mother was, she carried on with four young children and saw that each one had a college education.

One year, my Mother let the L.D.S. Church lease our ground for just the payment of the taxes. Ward members donated the work, so this greatly helped the ward with expenses. Sugar beets were the main crop planted.

Our close, choice and best friends were the Jones family who lived across the canal on the North side of 4800 South. They owned a large dairy herd and in the summer the two younger girls were assigned the daily task of herding the cows on the 'cut road' (canal road) which ran north and south along the canal, just east of our farm. What pleasant memories we had visiting over the fence.

Occasionally, Indians in horse-drawn wagons would come along the street, stopping at each home, begging, usually for specific items such as clothes, flour or sugar. The chief would be perched up front, just waiting for the Squaw, who did the begging, to return. One time, we returned home in our car and found the Squaw sitting on the back steps with her papoose, just 'waiting'. My Mother always gave them something.

A through country train passed in Murray, a few miles to the east. Often "hobos" who rode the boxcars across the States, at no cost, would get off in Murray, and come walking, calling at homes, begging for food. I remember my Mom never turning anyone away hungry, making many sandwiches and handing them out to them.

We always had several work horses, one or two milk cows, besides a little flock of chickens. A vegetable garden was my Mother's pride as well as a source for much of our food. Fresh produce was always shared with friends and relatives. With chickens to feed, eggs to gather, cows to milk, milk to separate, cream to churn in to butter, fruit, vegetables and meat canning to do, there was always plenty to keep our family busy as well as pretty self supporting. Any extra butter we churned could always be sold to neighbors or at the Taylorsville Mercantile Co.



Taylorsville Earth Day Collection Event

Saturday April 22nd 8am to 12pm

2600 Taylorsville Blvd (5600 South)

Accepted Items:

- Electronic waste
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Prescription Medicine
- FREE Document Destruction
- Bulk Waste
- Green Waste
- Bulky Recyclables
- Glass Recycling
- Donation of lightly used items and good maintained clothing



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We welcome bulky and awkward sized items from residents and households only.

Please be early, the collection event promptly ends at noon sharp!



For questions about hours, acceptable items and volunteer opportunities, please contact Jeffrey Summerhays at 385-468-6337 or jsummerhays@wasatchfrontwaste.org

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Tickets \$8/each Family Pass \$30



2016 Customer Satisfaction Survey Results

The results of our 2016 Customer Satisfaction Survey have been compiled. 10,000 surveys were distributed to random customers throughout the District. District-wide, customer satisfaction remains the same at 95.3%. We received 475 survey responses from Taylorsville residents, who indicated a 94.5% satisfaction rating. The report is available for viewing on our website. (www.wasatchfrontwaste.org)

Can Set-Out

We would like to remind all residents to have their cans placed on the street by 7:00am on the day of their normal collection. Salt Lake County Ordinance 14.20.040 also requires that the cans be taken off the street within 24 hours after collection. We ask all residents to keep this in mind and to have their cans ready for collection in time, and to also ensure they are taken off the street in time for the health and safety of our neighborhoods.

Green Waste Subscription Program

The Green Waste Collection Program is underway. This is a subscription-based program, and those interested in subscribing or getting more information can visit our website at www.wasatchfrontwaste.org. Taylorsville currently has 549 subscribers for our Green Waste Program.

We ask residents to remember that green (yard) waste should NEVER be placed in the blue recycling cans. Placing green waste in the recycling cans contaminates the recycling load and makes the recyclable materials unusable.

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Leisure Activities, Recreation & Parks Committee (LARP)

Remember Me Rose Garden

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The Remember Me Rose Garden has been created to be a place of contemplation and respect where deceased individuals who have contributed to the quality of life in the Bennion and Taylorsville communities can be memorialized with a living tribute - a rose bush - and a plaque containing their name and area of service to our community. A completed application along with the fee to cover the cost of the rose bush and plaque (\$300) should be submitted to the City of Taylorsville and LARP Committee for review and approval.



Applications are available on the City of Taylorsville website at <http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov/> Due to limited space, applications will be limited to the first 40 applicants.



Are you looking for an opportunity to get participate, and get involved? Do you want to share your time and talents to build our community?

The Taylorsville Leisure Activities, Recreation & Parks (L.A.R.P) Committee is seeking new members at this time. We are looking for volunteers to meet monthly and participate in our planned activities that include:

- Beautification awards for the best-kept yards/landscaping, Halloween Outdoor Décor, Holiday Outdoor Décor.
- The Remember Me Rose Garden
- A Fall Festival that we are planning for October 14, 2017, at Taylorsville Park located at 4751 South Plymouth View Drive

The activities we are planning for our Fall Festival include a Halloween Costume Parade for children, adults, and dogs. In addition to music, a movie in the park (Halloween Theme), share the harvest, and a pumpkin carving contest.

Residents interested in serving on the Taylorsville Leisure Activities, Recreation & Parks (L.A.R.P) Committee are invited to submit a volunteer application located on the City of Taylorsville website at <http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov/> or call the City Offices for additional information at (801) 963-5400.



FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

The Taylorsville Leisure Activities Recreation & Parks (L.A.R.P) Committee is planning a Fall Festival on October 14, 2017 at Taylorsville Park, 4751 South Plymouth View Dr.

They are seeking beverage vendors to serve warm beverages (coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and apple cider) and cold sodas. They are also seeking food vendors to serve veggies on a stick, hot dogs, caramel popcorn and caramel apples and other fall food type items. Vendors interested can contact the LARP Committee at larp@taylorsvilleut.gov

2017 Taylorsville Municipal Election

The City of Taylorsville will hold a Municipal Election on November 7, 2017, to elect a Mayor and two City Council Members (one from Council District 4 and one from Council District 5) to serve four-year terms. If necessary, a Municipal Primary Election will also be held on August 15, 2017.

The filing period will run from Thursday, June 1, 2017, through Wednesday, June 7, 2017, during regular City Hall hours (Weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Candidates must file a "Declaration of Candidacy" form in person with the Taylorsville City Recorder, at Taylorsville City Hall, 2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Taylorsville, Utah, during the filing period. Declaration of Candidacy forms will be available in the Recorder's Office or on the City website at www.taylorsvilleut.gov.

A candidate must have been a resident of the City of Taylorsville for at least 12 consecutive months (365 days) immediately prior to the date of the General Election. A candidate must also be a registered voter. A candidate running for a Council District Seat must be a resident of that district. A filing fee of \$100.00 must be paid at the time of filing the Declaration of Candidacy.

The filing fee will be reduced to \$50 for candidates who submit a nomination petition containing 25 signatures of residents of the city who are at least 18 years old. The nomination form is available on the City website.

The Taylorsville City Council voted unanimously to contract with Salt Lake County for election services and will conduct the municipal election through the vote by mail option. This means that all registered voters in Taylorsville will be mailed a ballot for the City election this year.

Completed ballots may be returned by mail in the postage-paid envelope provided. Those who prefer to vote in person on machines may still do so during the Early Voting period held two weeks prior to the election (10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Taylorsville City Hall), or on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at one of the many Vote Centers located throughout Salt Lake County (locations to be announced at a later date).

For additional information, please visit the City's website at www.taylorsvilleut.gov or contact City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle at 801-963-5400.

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The scheduled testing sessions for 2017 are:

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- May 22
- June 26
- July 31
- August 28
- September 25
- October 30
- November 27



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Chief Tracy Wyant



The following UPD Taylorsville Precinct Awards were presented by Chief Tracy Wyant at the City Council Meeting held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017.



(L-R) Detective Todd Madsen, Lieutenant Saul Bailey, Sergeant Dustin Fowler, Officer Travis Wilkinson, Officer Kyle Andrew, Sergeant Brett Miller, Officer Bryan Marshall, Chief Shane Hudson, Detective Kresdon Bennett, Detective Nate Clark at Taylorsville City Hall

TEAM CITATION AWARD

Sergeant Miller, Officer Marshall, Officer Watrous, Officer Bennett, Officer Clark, Officer White, Officer Madsen, Officer Wilkinson

On January 12th, 2017 Officers responded to a domestic dispute in Taylorsville. The complainant stated a female exited her vehicle crying for help and yelling "he is killing my baby." The complainant further observed a male exit a vehicle carrying a small child. As Officers arrived and were able to establish which apartment the male and child were in, Officers surrounded the apartment and began making attempts at contact. After a few minutes, a female exited the suspect apartment but quickly locked the door behind her. She then began making statements that were not feasible and in fact created more suspicion of the circumstance. Fearing for the safety of the child, and recognizing the information was becoming more and more uncertain, Sergeant Miller made the decision to breach the door. Upon entering the apartment, the aforementioned male, still holding the small child, appeared. After initially complying, the male grabbed the child and stated "you're not taking my kid" and "I'm going out the window." As the male ran towards an open window with Officers pursuing, he dangled the child outside of the window threshold. Recognizing the potential catastrophe, Officers coordinated for any eventuality. After the use of a "Taser" and a significant physical altercation with Officers, the suspect was finally taken into custody and the child was safely placed with family members.

I believe these Officers working under the direction of Sergeant Miller acted heroically. They put their own safety aside to save a child from being dropped or thrown for a second story window. Sergeant Miller and Officer(s) Marshall, Watrous, Bennett, Clark, White, Madsen and Wilkinson are examples of what every Officer strives to be in the Unified Police Department.

OFFICER OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER 2016

Officer Kyle Andrew

Over his time working within the Taylorsville Precinct, Officer Andrew has made every effort to become familiar with his area and the people who reside within. Not only has Officer Andrew become familiar with several residents in Taylorsville City, he has been able to cultivate confidential informants. On November 24, 2016, Officer Andrew received information from one of his informants regarding a suspect wanted for homicide out of Salt Lake City. Officer Andrew was able to obtain the location of the suspect and coordinated with Salt Lake City Police. The cooperation between the two agencies led to the ultimate apprehension of the suspect. On November 29, 2016, Officer Andrew responded on an investigation of stolen property. Officer Andrew quickly recognized the address. Officer Andrew has become familiar with the individuals living at the residence and they are known for committing vehicle burglaries. Officer Andrew's investigation brought him to author a search warrant for the residence and two vehicles. It was discovered the two suspects were part of a large vehicle and residential burglary operation. The search warrant led to the recovery of over 150 stolen bags and purses as well as several stolen checks and credit cards. The suspects in this case were interviewed and confessed to several vehicle and residential burglaries across the valley. Officer Andrew's hard work and dedication on this case will end up solving several cases in the UPD jurisdiction as well as solving many other cases within the different agencies across the valley. Officer Andrew continues to exceed expectations. He has shown he has great investigative instinct and sound judgment. Officer Andrew is an example of what every officer should strive for.

OFFICER OF THE MONTH - JANUARY 2017

Sergeant Dustin Fowler

On January 20th, 2017, Sgt. Fowler located an occupied stolen vehicle travelling on Redwood Road. Dustin followed the vehicle into an adjacent neighborhood, where he initiated a high risk traffic stop. Both suspects were taken into custody and subsequently charged without incident.

As the stolen vehicle was inventoried, it was discovered to contain a large amount of stolen property.

This case is a classic example of Sgt. Fowler's "leadership by example" philosophy. This is also an example of pro-active police work minimizing future victimization by career criminals. Dustin consistently leads extra operations and events in this very fashion. The City of Taylorsville is fortunate to have such an involved, competent and dedicated supervisor leading members of UPD.

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Bruins softball set in top five

By Greg James | gregj@mycityjournals.com



The Bruins women's softball team celebrates victory over USU Eastern in its home series March 11. (Rachel Rowan/SLCC athletics)



The top-ranked Salt Lake Community College Bruins women's softball team has steamrolled through the preseason and is taking on its region opponents.

The Bruins won their first five games of the season. Their dominance showed why they are ranked in the top 5 in the Nation Junior College Athletic Association preseason poll.

They began the season with five straight victories in Henderson, Nevada. The first game Jan. 27 was a 6-2 victory over Eastern Arizona. Freshman Addie Jensen had six strikeouts in seven innings. The Bruins fell behind in the top of the first inning but rallied to secure the victory.

The final four games of its Henderson tournament, the Bruins scored 52 runs. Their pitching and defense only allowed 15.

Pitching is a key part to success in softball. The Bruins have had stellar performances in the circle to start the season. Jensen has started seven games. She has a 2.57 earned run average and is 6-1 in those games. She has struck out 42 opposing hitters to lead the team.

Sophomore Chantelle Ladner has also been stellar for the Bruins in the pitching circle, despite a tough 11-3 loss to the College of Southern Idaho in her first region game. The loss elevated her early season ERA to 5.03. The Golden Eagles capitalized on an error and three hits to jump to a 4-0 lead. The Bruins scored two in the top of the second, but a seven-run fourth by CSI signaled its final fate.

Lander, a sophomore, is from Australia. She attended Mount Annan High School in South Wales. She has international experience

with the 2015 Australian U19 team and competed in the WBSC World Championship. She was named best pitcher and a member of the all-tournament team in the 2014 U19 Australian National Championship tournament.

The Bruins have several talented local players in their lineup. Herriman High School graduates Bryce Taylor, Lauren Tycksen and Kynra Nelson have played significant roles in the teams early season success.

The speedy Tycksen has been leading off consistently. She is hitting .388, and her two stolen bases lead the Bruins. Taylor has a 2.79 ERA in three games.

Sophomore Alex Valencia leads the team with a .512 batting average. She is from Syracuse, Utah. Another sophomore, Madison Sisco leads the team in home runs with 12.

The Bruins have a hold on first place in Region 18. They are 5-1 in Region and 13-4 overall at press time.

Cyndee Bennett is in her fourth year as the Bruins head coach. She had been an assistant for six years prior to that. She played collegiately at the University of Utah where she was twice selected as an all-conference player.

Last season the Bruins had a 48-9 regular season record and captured a Scenic West Athletic Conference Championship. They advanced to the national championship semifinals, where they placed third overall.

The Bruins are scheduled to have an eight-game home-stand beginning March 31-April 8. They host Colorado Northwestern and then close out with four games against second-place CSI. ✦



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Bruins host SWAC basketball tournament

By Greg James | gregj@mycityjournals.com

Salt Lake Community College hosted the Scenic West Athletic Association men's and women's basketball tournaments March 2-4. The winners automatically earned a bid to national junior college tournament.

"We had some tough breaks in the second round of games this year that did not go our way," USU Eastern head coach Chelsey Warburton said. "We had a choice to stay that way or turn it around. This team is a fighting team, and we have been playing really well coming into this tournament. We have had the energy, and have been playing well."

The SWAC consists of five men's and five women's teams. The winners of the three-day tournament receive an automatic bid to the junior college national championship tournament. Region 18 was organized in 1968; Salt Lake Community College joined in 1987.

In the opening round of the tournament the USU Eastern men's and women's teams both defeated Colorado Northwestern Community College and advanced into the second round. The men advanced to play Snow College in the second round, while the Eagle women faced Salt Lake Community College.

Salt Lake Community College dominated the women's tournament. Conference player of the year Tia Hay led her team by averaging 19 points per game. The Lady Bruins never trailed in the tournament. In their first game, they defeated USU Eastern 66-47. Hay scored 13 points, and sophomore Annie Brady pitched in 21 in the victory.

The Bruins defeated Snow College in the championship game 67-40. They dominated the Badgers, at one point holding them scoreless for eight minutes. The Bruins earned a berth to

the women's national championship tournament March 20 (after press deadline).

"I feel pretty good about this team," Bruins head coach Betsy Specketer said. "They have bought into what we're teaching them, and we are a hard team to match up against."

The women's national tournament will be held in Lubbock, Texas.

The conference's No. 2 team, College of Southern Idaho, dominated the men's tournament. The Golden Eagles cruised past the Bruins in the second round 87-75.

The Bruins held a five-point lead headed into halftime. However, the Golden Eagles shot 53 percent in the second half and pulled away from the Bruins.

Dalven Brushier led a balanced Bruin attack with 17 points. Five players scored in double figures, but they could not slow down the CSI attack, allowing 50 points in the second half.

The Bruins' loss eliminated them from a national title run like last season.

CSI then shocked the No. 1 seeded Snow College Badgers in the championship game 92-82. The Golden Eagles up tempo style of play was difficult for their opponents to defend.

The Golden Eagles will represent Region 18 in the men's national tournament held in Kansas beginning March 20 (after press deadline).

Hay was named the women's tournament most valuable player. She joined Brianna Osorio from CSI as the co-players of the year; Madison Loftus (USU-E), Sica Cuzic (SLCC), Ariel Augustine (CSI) and Harley Hansen (Snow) also received all-region honors. ✦



The Bruins women's basketball team won the Region 18 regular season championship. (Greg James/City Journals)



On the opening night of the tournament the all-region awards were announced. The men's all-region team includes Quinn Peters from USU Eastern, Christian Gay from SLCC, Charles Jones and Deishan Booker from CSI and Zach Hunsaker and Blake Truman from Snow. (Greg James/City Journals)

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